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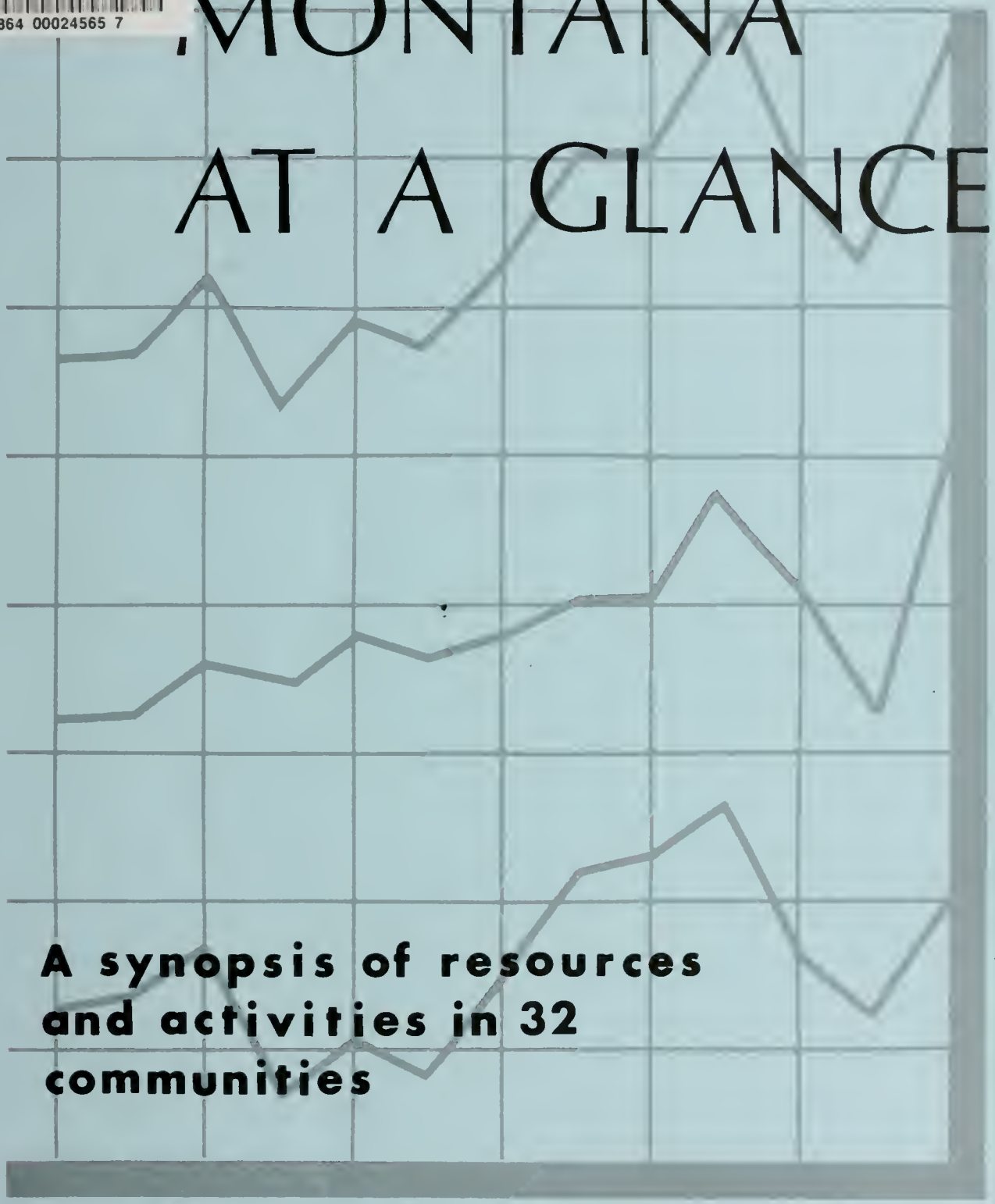

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MONTANA COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATION

CITY			COUNTY		TRANSPORTATION				
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C	Great Falls	60,091	Cascade	81,804	4 mi.	4 mi.	BN,M	6	I-15,US-87
W C	Missoula	29,497	Missoula	58,263	5 mi.	5 mi.	BN,M	5	I-90,US-93
S W	Butte	23,368	Silver Bow	41,981	4 mi.	4 mi.	BN,M,UP	4	I-90,US-91
C	Helena	22,730	Lewis & Clark	33,281	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN	8	I-15,US-12
S C	Bozeman	18,670	Gallatin	32,505	10 mi.	10 mi.	BN,M	3	I-90,US-191
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N W	Kalispell	10,526	Flathead	39,460	8 mi.	2 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2
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S E	Miles City	9,023	Custer	12,174	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN,M	1	I-94,US-312
S C	Livingston	6,883	Park	11,197	35 mi.	5 mi.	BN	4	I-90,US-89
C	Lewistown	6,437	Fergus	12,611	1 mi.	1 mi.	BN,M	2	US-87,US-191
E C	Glendive	6,305	Dawson	11,269	8 mi.	8 mi.	BN	3	I-94,US-10
N E	Glasgow	4,700	Valley	11,471	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN	1	US-2
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E C	Sidney	4,543	Richland	9,837	1 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	Mont-200,Mont-16
S C	Laurel	4,454	Yellowstone	87,367	15 mi.	1 mi.	BN	6	I-90,US-310
S W	Deer Lodge	4,306	Powell	6,660	35 mi.	1 mi.	BN,M	2	I-90
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S E	Baker	2,584	Fallon	4,050	80 mi.	1 mi.	M	2	US-12,Mont-7
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Construction	9,878	9,615	9,205	8,491	7,873	7.709	7,167
Manufacturing	8,660	8,177	7,626	7,187	6,881	6,508	6,373
Utilties	8,984	8,488	7,803	7,358	7,036	6,630	6,397
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	5,698	5,458	5,152	4,882	4,694	4,485	4,337
Fin. Ins. & Real Estate	7,004	6,783	6,489	6,132	5,924	5,634	5,350
Ser. & Misc.	4,881	4,581	4,220	3,945	3,746	3,523	3,304
All Covered Industries	6,862	6,663	6,320	5,948	5,689	5,428	5,253

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S C	Billings	61,581	Yellowstone	87,367	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN,M	10	I-94,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	$29.36	$20.43
C	Great Falls	60,091	Cascade	81,804	4 mi.	4 mi.	BN,M	6	I-15,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	$31.28	$22.23
W C	Missoula	29,497	Missoula	58,263	5 mi.	5 mi.	BN,M	5	I-90,US-93	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	$32.10	$24.09
S W	Butte	23,368	Silver Bow	41,981	4 mi.	4 mi.	BN,M,UP	4	I-90,US-91	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$33.07	$26.19
C	Helena	22,730	Lewis & Clark	33,281	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN	8	I-15,US-12	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	$33.33	$23.72
S C	Bozeman	18,670	Gallatin	32,505	10 mi.	10 mi.	BN,M	3	I-90,US-191	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$30.18	$21.36
N C	Havre	10,558	Hill	17,358	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN	1	US-1,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$32.38	$22.90
N W	Kalispell	10,526	Flathead	39,460	6 mi.	2 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	$28.36	$19.98
S W	Anaconda	9,771	Deer Lodge	15,652	30 mi.	5 mi.	BA,UP	3	US-10A	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$32.34	$23.33
S E	Miles City	9,023	Custer	12,174	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN,M	1	I-94,US-312	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$28.55	$18.27
S C	Livingston	6,883	Park	11,197	35 mi.	5 mi.	BN	4	I-90,US-89	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	$27.50	$20.82
C	Lewistown	6,437	Fergus	12,611	1 mi.	1 mi.	BN,M	2	US-87,US-191	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	$27.68	$18.77
E C	Glendive	6,305	Dawson	11,269	8 mi.	8 mi.	BN	3	I-94,US-10	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	$30.00	$21.93
N E	Glasgow	4,700	Valley	11,471	2 mi.	2 mi.	BN	1	US-2	Yes	Yes	1	No	$30.51	$20.73
S W	Dillon	4,548	Beaverhead	8,187	65 mi.	2 mi.	UP	2	I-15,US-91	No	Yes	1	No	$23.01	$17.91
E C	Sidney	4,543	Richland	9,837	1 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	Mont-200,Mont-16	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$22.02	$18.91
S C	Laurel	4,454	Yellowstone	87,367	15 mi.	1 mi.	BN	6	I-90,US-310	No	Yes	1	No	$28.52	$20.43
S W	Deer Lodge	4,306	Powell	6,660	35 mi.	1 mi.	BN,M	2	I-90	Yes	No	1	Yes	$25.72	$18.40
N W	Cut Bank	4,004	Glacier	10,783	110 mi.	3 mi.	BN	1	US-12	Yes	Yes	1	No	$22.73	$17.42
N W	Whitefish	3,349	Flathead	39,460	9 mi.	9 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	No	$26.68	$19.98
N W	Libby	3,286	Lincoln	18,063	100 mi.	3 mi.	BN	2	US-2	Yes	Yes	2	No	$27.11	$19.56
N C	Shelby	3,111	Toole	5,839	88 mi.	2 mi.	BN	1	I-15,US-2	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$29.18	$20.93
N E	Wolf Point	3,095	Roosevelt	10,365	3 mi.	3 mi.	BN	2	US-2,Mont-13	No	No	1	Yes	$29.26	$21.78
N C	Conrad	2,770	Pondera	6,611	60 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	I-15	Yes	Yes	1	No	$23.44	$19.52
S C	Hardin	2,773	Big Horn	10,057	50 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	I-90,Mont-47	Yes	Yes	1	No	$24.03	$17.78
N W	Columbia Falls	2,652	Flathead	39,460	8 mi.	8 mi.	BN	3	US-2	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	$28.31	$20.01
S E	Baker	2,584	Fallon	4,050	60 mi.	1 mi.	M	2	US-12,Mont-7	Yes	No	1	Yes	$25.32	$16.57
S W	Hamilton	2,499	Ravalli	14,409	47 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	No	1	Yes	$24.03	$20.91
N W	Polson	2,464	Lake	14,445	50 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	Yes	3	No	$28.25	$20.21
N E	Plentywood	2,381	Sheridan	5,779	85 mi.	1 mi.	BN	1	Mont-5,Mont-16	No	Yes	1	No	$23.78	$21.21
N E	Malta	2,195	Phillips	5,386	70 mi.	1 mi.	BN	1	US-2,US-191	No	No	1	No	$22.94	$19.81
C	Roundup	2,116	Musselshell	3,734	45 mi.	1 mi.	M	2	US-12,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	$20.97	$16.44

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(2) Property is divided into ten clases for taxation purposes. In Montana, most properties are assessed at approximately 40% of their true and full value. This is further reduced, depending on which class applies (30% for land, buildings, and equipment was used above) to reach a taxable value which was multiplied by the application mill levy.

1973 COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PATTERN (4)

COUNTY	ALL COVERED INDUSTRY: Employers	ALL COVERED INDUSTRY: Workers	MINING: Employers	MINING: Workers	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION: Employers	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION: Workers	MANUFACTURING: Employers	MANUFACTURING: Workers	TRANS., COMMUN., PUBLIC UTILITIES(3): Employers	TRANS., COMMUN., PUBLIC UTILITIES(3): Workers	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE: Employers	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE: Workers	FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE: Employers	FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE: Workers	SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND MISC.: Employers	SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND MISC.: Workers
Yellowstone	2,517	24,801	47	326	319	1,877	92	3,296	142	1,980	943	9,972	238	1,515	737	5,835
Cascade	1,746	17,520	5	27	210	1,533	56	1,751	92	1,194	686	7,162	173	1,402	524	4,451
Missoula	1,636	15,358	9	23	242	1,214	108	3,135	97	1,108	531	5,377	152	755	497	3,746
Silver Bow	918	10,867	8	3,532	93	480	31	594	38	485	409	3,454	79	420	260	1,902
Lewis & Clark	934	8,799	5	5	113	607	37	867	24	942	327	2,650	106	971	322	2,757
Gallatin	912	6,691	1	18	139	649	58	1,036	34	231	338	2,575	51	405	291	1,777
Hill	391	3,230	10	99	44	254	12	183	22	239	158	1,320	35	170	110	965
Flathead	1,104	9,481	7	15	121	559	132	3,472	64	464	405	2,846	73	477	302	1,648
Deer Lodge	228	3,167	2	65	30	525	7	1,351	11	71	102	641	16	106	60	408
Custer	347	2,426	6	17	48	217	11	114	20	188	135	1,132	28	125	99	633
Park	339	1,943	1	1	31	137	20	300	12	120	140	723	23	164	112	498
Fergus	344	1,814	5	19	40	201	20	214	16	62	155	819	28	124	80	375
Dawson	282	2,350	19	182	36	230	9	99	19	402	109	824	24	113	64	500
Valley	282	2,607	--	---	45	196	7	319	15	150	131	820	18	113	66	1,009
Beaverhead	206	1,003	6	8	19	43	7	54	11	60	95	532	10	52	58	254
Richland	247	1,813	7	56	48	120	12	259	11	113	102	738	15	100	52	427
Yellowstone	2,517	24,801	47	326	319	1,877	92	3,296	142	1,980	943	9,972	238	1,515	737	5,835
Powell	136	833	3	169	11	14	18	153	6	43	53	277	8	50	37	127
Glacier	289	2,065	19	195	28	127	9	181	15	161	126	626	13	75	79	680
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Lincoln	415	3,974	6	234	66	989	79	1,478	23	127	138	667	16	78	87	401
Toole	219	1,008	32	124	15	29	7	65	17	152	95	413	9	50	44	175
Roosevelt	246	1,386	8	34	13	18	8	82	13	69	138	551	11	75	55	557
Pondera	185	899	8	17	22	82	3	21	8	38	92	476	6	56	44	207
Big Horn	220	1,183	9	95	32	118	5	113	14	57	o9	453	14	64	57	283
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Fallon	110	619	5	64	14	51	5	21	12	129	45	179	7	44	22	131
Ravalli	364	2,061	2	5	50	91	40	489	30	140	130	755	24	128	88	453
Lake	331	2,109	2	3	42	268	26	505	15	71	145	644	18	84	83	534
Sheridan	158	719	8	35	16	30	2	10	13	49	79	379	9	48	31	168
Phillips	122	538	2	2	13	34	5	28	8	43	65	279	5	30	24	122
Musselshell	121	586	15	126	9	15	12	82	5	25	47	201	9	46	24	91

(3) Interstate Railroads not included.

(4) Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry

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A FEW FACTS ABOUT MONTANA

Montana averages 500 miles long by nearly 300 miles wide. It contains 147,000 sq. miles of area and it is the 4th largest state in the United States. Its northern border extends 1/5 of the distance across the United States. The western one-third of Montana is mountainous while the eastern two-thirds consists of plains broken by isolated mountain groups.

Elevations vary from a high of 12,800 ft. in southcentral Montana to a low of about 1,900 ft. at both the eastern and western borders where the rivers leave the State. The average elevation of Montana is about 3,400 ft. and this is the lowest of all the Rocky Mountain States.

Montana has four major rivers: The Missouri, the Yellowstone, the Clark Fork, and the Kootenai. The combined average annual flow of water leaving the State from these rivers is 42,000,000 acre-feet.

Precipitation varies from a minimum of only 6-8 inches per year to a maximum of 120 inches per year at a location in Glacier National Park. The average precipitation for the State is 15 inches per year. Most of Montana's cities are located in areas which receive less than 17 inches of precipitation per year.

Montana's winters are usually milder than those of several metropolitan cities in the Midwest. The State's average maximum daytime temperature in January is +29°F. However, wide fluctuations in temperature are not uncommon.

Montana's estimated population, October, 1974, is 735,000 people. This is less than five persons per sq. mile. However, 1/3 of Montana's population resides in it's six largest cities.

Montana has nine senior colleges and universities. Six are State supported and three are private institutions. In addition, there are three community junior colleges and six vo-tech schools of which five are State supported and one is locally supported. Approximately 36% percent of Montana's eligible college-age youths are enrolled in these institutions of high learning. Total college enrollment in Montana is approximately 26,000 students.

Four airline companies (Northwest Airlines, Western Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and Hughes Air West) provide commercial service to the state.

Montana's major sources of basic income are: Agriculture (crops & livestock marketed, plus government payments, 1973)-$1,124,307,000; value added by manufacturing (1972)-$457,500,000; Minerals, produced (1973)-$362,457,000; and Tourism (out-of-state visitors) (1972)-$164,003,113.

The total average number of people employed in 1973 was 290,200. Included in this total were 56,400 in wholesale/retail trade; 55,300 in government; 42,200 in services, 24,400 in manufacturing; 36,300 in agriculture; 18,800 in transportation and public utilities; 13,400 in contract construction; 9,400 in finance/insurance/real estate; 6,300 in mining.

ACCUMULATED PERCENT OF MALES WITH EARNINGS TO VARIOUS LEVELS AND BY MAJOR INDUSTRIES

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MINING	39%	28%	54%	41%	79%	67%	96%	92%	8%	9%
CONSTRUCTION	44%	35%	57%	44%	78%	61%	94%	90%	6%	11%
MANUFACTURING	46%	30%	61%	40%	82%	61%	97%	88%	4%	12%
UTILITIES	34%	28%	48%	39%	72%	60%	95%	90%	4%	9%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	57%	51%	69%	60%	82%	75%	95%	93%	4%	9%
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	31%	34%	39%	41%	57%	55%	80%	79%	21%	22%
SERVICES	54%	46%	63%	53%	76%	65%	91%	85%	9%	16%

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N E	Wolf Point	3,095	Roosevelt	10,365	3 mi.	3 mi.	BN	2	US-2,Mont-13
N C	Conrad	2,770	Pondera	6,611	60 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	I-15
S C	Hardin	2,773	Big Horn	10,057	50 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	I-90,Mont-47
N W	Columbia Falls	2,652	Flathead	39,460	8 mi.	8 mi.	BN	3	US-2
S E	Baker	2,584	Fallon	4,050	80 mi.	1 mi.	M	2	US-12,Mont-7
S W	Hamilton	2,499	Ravalli	14,409	47 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	US-93
N W	Polson	2,464	Lake	14,445	50 mi.	1 mi.	BN	2	US-93
N E	Plentywood	2,381	Sheridan	5,779	85 mi.	1 mi.	BN	1	Mont-5,Mont-16
N E	Malta	2,195	Phillips	5,386	70 mi.	1 mi.	BN	1	US-2,US-191
C	Roundup	2,116	Musselshell	3,734	45 mi.	1 mi.	M	2	US-12,US-87

(1) Montana's rail services are indicated above by the following:
BN--Burlington Northern M--Milwaukee Road
UP--Union Pacific BA--Butte, Anaconda & Pacific

AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Mining	$10,336	$10,495	$9,047	$8,474	$7,930	$7,497	$7,197
Construction	9,878	9,615	9,205	8,491	7,873	7.709	7,167
Manufacturing	8,660	8,177	7,626	7,187	6,881	6,508	6,373
Utilties	8,984	8,488	7,803	7,358	7,036	6,630	6,397
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	5,698	5,458	5,152	4,882	4,694	4,485	4,337
Fin. Ins. & Real Estate	7,004	6,783	6,489	6,132	5,924	5,634	5,350
Ser. & Misc.	4,881	4,581	4,220	3,945	3,746	3,523	3,304
All Covered Industries	6,862	6,663	6,320	5,948	5,689	5,428	5,253

SOURCE: MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

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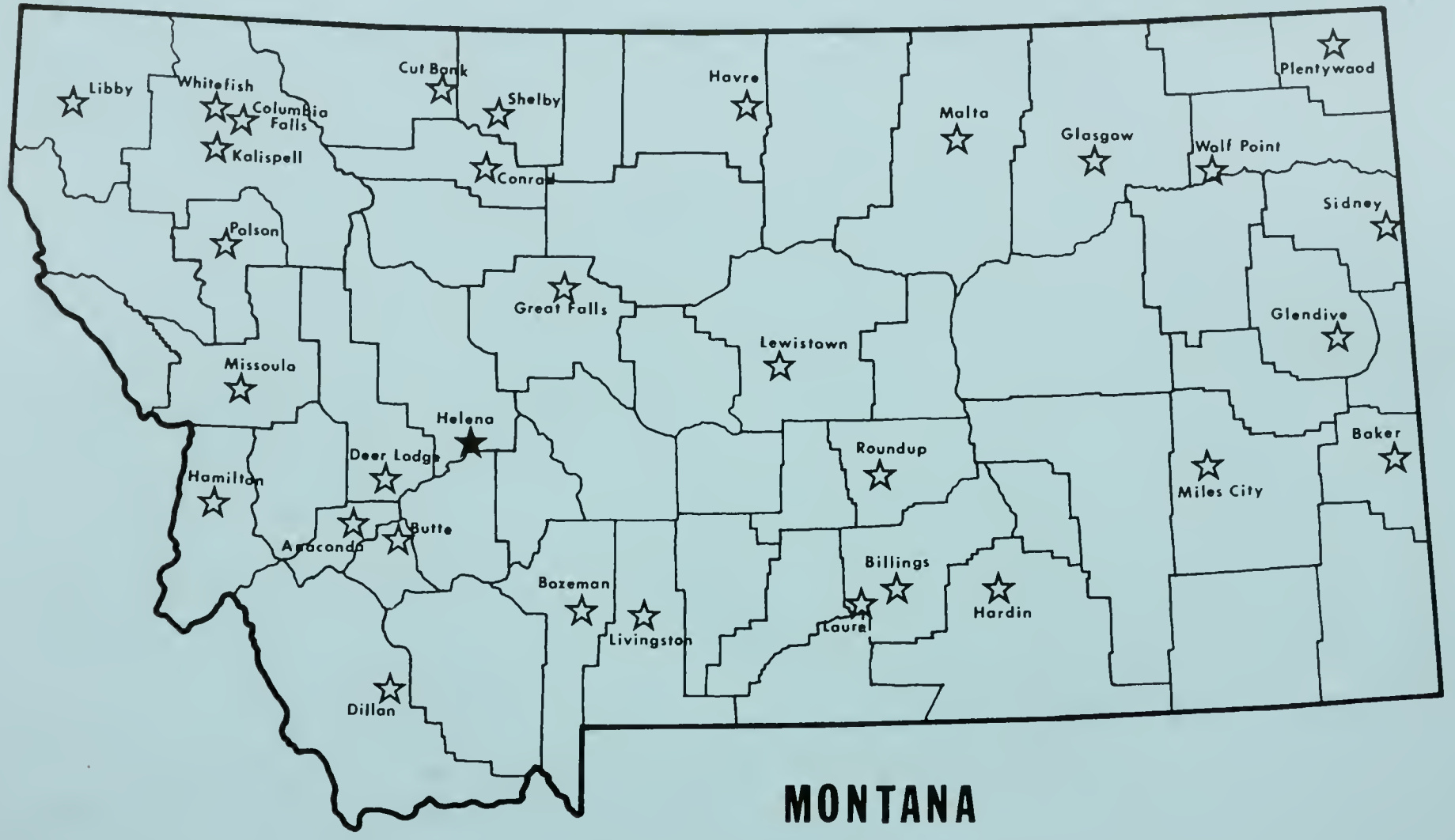
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